

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
2/15/15 – 2/28/15**

DISTRICT 1

No report

DISTRICT 2

CO Jeff Panich was checking ice anglers near Cedarville when he pulled up to a portable shanty with tip-ups out. A check of the area revealed no one was around. The CO checked the tip-ups, all were baited, so after pictures were taken, the tip-ups were confiscated and a notice was put in the shanty. CO Panich left the area and sometime later two snowmobiles flew by him and cut him off forcing the CO to stop his sled. One man started yelling at the CO and then realized he was an officer. The subject slumped his shoulders and said he believed they might be in trouble. The two anglers followed the CO's tracks leaving their shanty, and assumed someone stole their tip-ups. The CO thanked the men for their speedy response in identifying themselves as suspects in the case. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was checking ice anglers on Millecoquin Lake when he encountered a group of four anglers. One angler stated she did not need a fishing license because she was 16. When asked what year she was born she had difficulty remembering the year. Further investigation revealed the true age and she was required to have a fishing license, which she knew. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling Seney when he noted a snowmobile with a strange looking Trail Permit. Upon closer inspection it was discovered to be an ORV License. The subject was trying to save money by purchasing a less expensive ORV License. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was following up on a complaint when he observed a snowmobile roll over in front of his patrol vehicle. He stopped to render aid; it is believed that the occupant lost consciousness prior to the accident. She was transported by paramedics to the local hospital for medical care.

COs Brett Gustafson, Mike Hammill, John Wenzel and Mark Leadman served as instructors at the Basic Snowmobile Training school. Training was held in Newberry and 32 Officers were trained over three sessions. Students were trained on Law, Maintenance and Operation. Students endured extreme weather conditions during the class with temperatures reaching -27 degrees during one of the trail rides.

CO Jared Ferguson, while working a group patrol on Little Bay De Noc, drove his snowmobile up to a shack off Saunders point. The anglers apparently thought he was

“alone” and had a total of seven lines out. A ticket was issued for fishing with too many lines.

CO Jared Ferguson checked a group of three anglers on Little Bay De Noc, who had a total of 15 lines out. They all quickly passed responsibility to two friends who had gone to town to eat dinner a couple hours prior. Further investigation led the officer to a vehicle about ½ mile away stuck in a snow bank. It was one of the anglers returning to the party. The fifth angler had decided to stay at the hotel for the evening. Enforcement action was taken for leaving lines unattended.

CO Robert Crisp responded to a personal injury snowmobile accident on Trail 417 and Deerton Road. Upon arriving on scene, CO Crisp found first responders administering CPR and immediately assisted with the CPR. After approximately 20 minutes CO Crisp and other first responders carried the victim to a waiting ambulance. It was later found that the victim did not survive the crash. This was the second fatal snowmobile accident in Alger County in three days. Speed was the main factor in both accidents.

CO Robert Crisp was the only Law Enforcement officer on-duty in Alger County during a snow storm on a Sunday. CO Crisp responded to several vehicle accidents, including a truck and trailer accident that blocked a lane on M28 for over an hour.

CO Michael Evink had a busy Saturday. His day began by participating in a little jigger's youth fishing derby in Manistique. Following the youth derby CO Evink assisted with a hunter's education class at the DNR pocket park in Escanaba. After the conclusion of hunters education CO Michael Evink conducted a patrol on Little Bay De Noc.

COs Michael Evink and Mike Hammill responded to a motorist in distress call where the subjects had followed a route directed by their GPS which took them down a groomed snowmobile trail and became stuck on the trail. The officers found the stranded motorist, and were able to get them unstuck and back on their way.

CO Robert Freeborn assisted MSP and Manistique Public Safety with a snowmobile vs pedestrian PDA in the town of Manistique. Both parties were uninjured.

While on routine patrol CO Rob Freeborn was stopped at a red light on US-2 in Gladstone when he observed a tractor trailer still traveling at a high rate of speed coming up behind him. As the CO watched the tractor trailer get close to the rear of his patrol truck, the semi swerved around CO Freeborn at the last second to avoid a severe collision and continued through the red light. Luckily there weren't any cars crossing at this time. CO Freeborn was able to stop the semi. A ticket was issued to the driver who stated that the light sneaked up on him.

DISTRICT 3

Michigan Conservation Officers were busy with snowmobile activity on and off the state snowmobile trails. Many contacts were made and enforcement included arrests and tickets for operating while intoxicated, careless operation, railroad trespass and registration/trail permit violations.

CO Mike Feagan ran radar on the North Central Michigan snowmobile trail where there have already been two fatal snowmobile accidents this winter, with speed and alcohol being a factor in both incidents. CO Feagan clocked a snowmobiler at 63 mph in the 35 mph maximum stretch, and who then ran through a stop sign after the CO activated his emergency lights. After the snowmobiler finally stopped and contact was made, sobriety tests were given and CO Feagan arrested the driver for snowmobile OUIL. The driver had a .18 BAC.

CO Mike Feagan responded to a coyote hunting complaint involving possible trespass and hunting from a motor vehicle. When contacted, the hunter was in his vehicle and possessed a firearm with no case. The same subject had been issued a ticket a few weeks prior for having a loaded and uncased gun in his vehicle. Another ticket was issued for possession of an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle.

CO Eric Bottorff received a complaint of fishing lines left out with no one around. When he arrived he saw that a flag on one of the tip-ups was already up, so he sat back and watched awhile. He finally tracked the angler back to his residence and made contact. The lines had not been attended for six hours and a bass that was barely alive was successfully released. A ticket for fishing with unattended lines was issued.

Conservation Officer Nick Torsky served warrants on two individuals who illegally shot an elk during the 2014 firearm deer season.

CO Nick Torsky investigated a complaint of an individual catching a sturgeon on Otsego Lake and not registering the fish. The suspect admitted to not registering the fish and other violations, and a ticket was issued.

Conservation Officers Nick Torsky and Kelly Ross attended a meeting of the Northern Great Lakes Fur Harvesters.

COs Mark DePew, Paul Fox, Matt Theunick, Tim Rosochacki, and Bill Webster patrolled the snowmobile trails along the railroad tracks in Otsego County and issued nine tickets for riders crossing the tracks and gave warnings for other violations. When snowmobiles cross the tracks the snow and ice gets packed alongside the rails, and it can cause trains to derail.

CO Mark DePew investigated two personal injury snowmobile accidents. In one of the accidents the rider rear ended another snowmobile, causing the rider to be ejected and suffer a broken pelvis. The second accident involved the rider being thrown from their snowmobile and resulted in a broken arm.

CO Mark DePew interviewed a subject and received a confession for sealing a bobcat which he was given by another hunter. A follow up interview with the hunter resulted in a confession for taking an overlimit of bobcat. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Bill Webster and Sgt. Joe Molnar patrolled the snowmobile trails and inland lakes of Montmorency County and issued tickets including fishing with too many lines, operating unregistered ORVs and a snowmobile not having a trail permit.

DISTRICT 4

CO Richard Stowe gave a presentation on what he learned at a recent out of State Trapper's College he attended. He spoke to attendees of the Northern Great Lakes Fur Harvester's banquet held in the Upper Peninsula. CO Stowe, along with other COs who have attended the Trapper's College, utilize their training and trapping experience to train Conservation Officers and assist with the Hunter/Trapper Education programs statewide.

CO Justin Vanderlinde received notification from the court that a trespass case from last fall involving the illegal taking of a deer resulted in \$3331 in fines and restitution. The hunter was trespassing on private property when they took a deer without having a valid license.

CO Holly Pennoni received a wood cutting complaint of someone cutting standing trees in a closed area on state land in Wexford County. CO Pennoni advised the complainant to call whenever he saw the suspects headed into the woods. Over the course of a couple weeks, several area officers attempted to make contact with the suspects when the complainant called, but the timing did not work out. Due to the persistence of the complainant, COs Pennoni and Troy Mueller responded to the area after receiving another call, and located a subject hauling and stacking wood from illegally cut standing trees. The second subject arrived after he already had taken a load of the illegally cut wood to his residence. The second subject was operating a motor vehicle on a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was on snowmobile patrol when he located a truck parked in the middle of the road. As the officer approached he observed another truck parked in the roadway further up the road. The driver looked out his window at CO Shively and immediately put his truck into gear and began to drive down the road. CO Shively observed the driver attempting to close a rifle case and grab a can of beer from the center console and throw it on the passenger floorboard. CO Shively secured the firearm, opened the bolt and ejected a live .223 round from the chamber. Upon

interviewing the driver, CO Shively found that the hunter did not have permission for any of the properties he was hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling the Hart Montague Rail Trail and observed two snowmobiles fail to stop at a stop sign. CO Shively made contact with the operator and discovered that the snowmobile was unregistered, had no trail permit and the owner failed to transfer the title. The second snowmobile stopped was being operated by a subject that had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ben Shively and Troy VanGelderren of Oceana County stopped a snowmobile that was displaying an expired registration and no trail permit. The operator's boyfriend also stopped and explained that they had just bought the snowmobile and were taking the sled out to make sure that it ran. CO Shively obtained his identification and found that he was suspended and the sled that he supposedly just bought had been registered to him since 2010. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and CO Angela Greenway of Mecosta County stopped a snowmobile traveling against the flow of traffic. The juvenile operator was in a group of other snowmobiles that continued to operate after seeing the patrol vehicle. The juvenile operator was riding without adult supervision, no snowmobile safety certificate and on private corporate property. The juvenile operator was followed back home and the remainder of the group returned to the residence as well. A total of five juveniles were operating fully licensed snowmobiles without snowmobile safety certificates. COs met with the parents to educate them on the necessity of having adult supervision.

DISTRICT 5

CO Nick Atkin was checking an angler that was leaving the ice on Saginaw Bay recently when the angler told him that he only caught two Walleye. When the officer asked to look at the fish, the angler appeared to get a little nervous. The angler pulled back the material on his shanty just far enough to show CO Atkin the two fish he had mentioned. The officer did a little further checking and found two more Walleye hidden under a floor board, one of which was undersized. Enforcement action was taken to address the violation.

CO Nick Atkin received a complaint about a truckload of hunters jumping out of a truck and running into a nearby wooded lot. The officer was able to respond to the area in time to watch as the group of hunters, one of whom was a juvenile, walk out of the woods. Several of the hunters were not wearing any hunter orange clothing. According to their statements, they did not realize hunter orange was required to hunt squirrels in Michigan.

While working fish patrol on a local lake in Clare County, Sgt. Jon Wood and CO Jason McCullough were approaching an ice shanty with several tip-ups scattered nearby. Sgt. Wood observed a peek-hole door on the shanty pop open and noticed one of the anglers looking out as they approached. The angler attempted to get the peek-hole

shut in a hurry, but was unsuccessful as Sgt. Wood was able to quickly make contact with the suspects. As it turned out, the angler had an extra line in the water and was attempting to get it out of the water in a hurry when he saw the officers pulling up. A ticket was issued for fishing with too many lines.

CO Steve Lockwood was patrolling in Gladwin County when he encountered a subject leaving state land with a fresh load of firewood. When contacted, the subject stated that he knew he was not supposed to be cutting on state land, but that he decided to cut anyway. Officer Lockwood took enforcement action.

COs Steve Lockwood and Joel Lundberg teamed up to work a joint patrol on Saginaw Bay on a recent weekend in February. Officers made numerous contacts throughout the day. Officers issued numerous tickets for snowmobile, ORV and fishing violations. Some of those violations included overlimits of Walleye as well as violations of the 100 ft. rule where snowmobiles were buzzing within a few feet of ice shanties. The anglers in area seemed especially appreciative of those safety efforts, as many were complaining about many snowmobile operators that were not showing any common sense.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a domestic dispute until deputies could arrive. The victim wouldn't let him in to check her injuries, but instead told CO Bader tales of how she was a female Navy SEAL. She also talked about having had bombs strapped to her and being shot at multiple times in the Lupton area. When the Ogemaw County Sheriff deputy arrived, she began telling more stories to him. The deputy saw the suspect drive by and CO Bader conducted a traffic stop a few miles down the road. He was turned over to the Sheriff's Office.

CO Warren MacNeill worked an illegal snaring complaint where a dog had been caught in a trap. After some tracking and interviewing, CO MacNeill was able to locate a suspect. Enforcement action was taken (ticket issued for illegal snares).

CO Warren MacNeill worked another trapping complaint involving illegal snare sets. While interviewing the subject, it was determined that he had a large number of snares set and over 50% of them were illegal sets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn was conducting a ride-along with a student interested in becoming a Conservation Officer. During the ride-along, a lone ice shanty was observed after dark on one of Kalkaska County's designated trout lakes. CO Hearn and the student were able to walk to the shanty and make contact with two anglers. While measuring the harvested trout, one of the fish was determined to be undersized. A ticket was issued to the angler.

CO Mike Hearn stopped a snowmobiler who had gone around a fence and several no trespassing signs on private property. The operator became extremely agitated and verbally assaultive during the contact, stating that he had been crossing the property for 20 years. He also stated that when he comes to riding up north, he pays for the officers

wages. CO Hearn both thanked and educated the uninformed rider, while also issuing a ticket for trespass.

COs Mike Hearn and Matt Liestenfeltz partnered up for a snowmobile patrol in Kalkaska County. Several contacts and traffic stops were made by the officers. By the end of the shift, the officers had issued five snowmobile tickets, handled one snowmobile accident and issued another 16 snowmobile related warnings.

CO Chuck McPherson contacted two anglers on Higgins Lake using eight lines. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chuck McPherson and Chris Bowen worked a Career Day at the Roscommon High School. Approximately 65 students attended the breakout with numerous students stating they were interested in becoming a Conservation Officer.

While patrolling the snowmobile trails in Roscommon County, Sgt. Jeremy Payne stopped a snowmobile without a registration. When asked about the registration the operator indicated that he just purchased the snowmobile. The operator gave a sales slip to Sgt. Payne showing the sale date of October 2014. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

While working a group patrol on Saginaw Bay targeting fishing violations, COs Chad Foerster, Joel Lundberg, Quincy Gowenlock and Sgt. Tony Soave accomplished their goal. The officers wrote several tickets for not only fishing violations but for ORV and snowmobile violations as well. The COs contacted a pair of anglers coming in late in the evening with their limit of fish. After questioning the anglers it was discovered that they had caught their limit of walleye that morning and came in to have lunch and cleaned their fish. They then went back out in the evening and caught another limit of walleye, totaling 20 walleye for the two anglers for the day. Enforcement action was taken.

Group patrols on the Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River over two weekends in February with COs Chad Foerster, Joshua Wright, Seth Rhodea, Kyle Bucholtz, Dan Lee, Joel Lundberg and Quincy Gowenlock resulted in over 70 tickets written for violations ranging from taking overlimits of walleye, keeping undersized walleye, violating the 100' rule operating too close to ice shanties, no ORV or snowmobile registrations, failing to wear a helmet and no trail permit stickers.

COs Joel Lundberg and Dan Lee helped with the Boy Scouts Winter Klondike gathering in Frankenmuth. The COs presented information on fur harvesting methods and laws. The scouts learned about the various fur bearing animals in Michigan and their habitats. Well over 300 scouts attended the Klondike gathering.

While working the frozen Saginaw River system, COs in the area have encountered many excuses for the lack of registration and snowmobile permits. One snowmobile had an ORV sticker on in place of the snowmobile permit. One man was dressed and prepared for a long day's ride on a very cold day and his explanation was he was just taking it out for a test ride. Several explained, in late February, that this was their first time out and didn't want to spend the money. A pair of snowmobilers who raced by a shanty within 50 feet in excess of 50 mph told the officers that they try their best to slow down. When asked if they considered using their brakes they had no response. A number of tickets were issued.

COs Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood worked the Saginaw Bay checking walleye anglers. The COs contacted one angler leaving the bay with a limit of walleye and he had not purchased a fishing license. Two other anglers were contacted with a limit of walleye. After a brief interview it was determined they had fished earlier in the day and caught other walleye as well, resulting in overlimits. Another angler was checked leaving the ice and he advised he had caught four walleye, a check of his shanty revealed he had six walleye. Tickets were issued.

CO Lundberg checked an angler coming off the ice on the Saginaw Bay after dark. The angler was asked how many walleye he'd caught; the angler did not answer the question. A search of his shanty revealed 15 walleye, 10 over his limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Dan Lee conducted a snowmobile patrol in the Shiawassee River State Game Area. The COs issued numerous tickets for operating snowmobiles in closed areas, no trail permits, registration violations and operating at high speeds within 100 feet of ice shanties.

DISTRICT 7

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss spent the weekend on snowmobile patrols in both VanBuren and Cass counties. During the patrols 14 tickets were issued for a variety of snowmobile violations, including failing to wear a helmet, no snowmobile trail permits, recreational trespass and other violations. Sixty-nine warnings were given and over four hundred contacts were made during the patrols.

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss were on snowmobile patrol on the state snowmobile trail where an adjoining landowner had complained about snowmobiles leaving the trail and trespassing on his farm field. During the snowmobile patrol, four snowmobiles were observed trespassing on the private land and were subsequently stopped for the recreational trespass violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Bauer was contacted by a MSP trooper who had observed a subject in snow camo holding a rifle, near the back of a business parking lot. The trooper had made contact and the subject who claimed to be coyote hunting. The trooper called CO Bauer, who responded and when he arrived, it was discovered that two more subjects in

camo had been contacted by the trooper. CO Bauer spoke with the three subjects whom he recognized from previous contacts and discovered that all three subjects were hunting without any hunter orange and two of the subjects did not have any hunting licenses. Additionally, one of the subjects was arrested by the trooper for carrying a concealed pistol without a license and for possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken for the hunting violations by CO Bauer and the three were also warned for railroad trespass.

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss worked a problem intersection on the state snowmobile trail where a three way stop sign is located. During the patrol, over 40 verbal warnings were issued for various violations with four subjects being ticketed for careless operation of a snowmobile for disregarding the stop signs at the intersection at a high rate of speed. In addition, two subjects were ticketed for recreational trespass for leaving the trail and operating on a farmer's field without permission. Seven other violations were observed and enforcement action was taken.

During a snowmobile patrol, CO Andy Bauer observed a horse that had gotten loose from the owner, and was headed toward a busy state M road. CO Bauer utilizing his snowmobile was able to stop traffic and corner the horse until the owner arrived and secured the loose horse.

COs Jeff Robinette, Brad Brewer, Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss worked a group patrol at a problem intersection of the state snowmobile trail where a three way stop occurs and is the intersection of two trails. Five subjects were ticketed for careless operation of a snowmobile for disregarding the stop signs at high rates of speed.

CO Paul Higashi checked a small lake in Kalamazoo County with a total of three subjects ice fishing. Upon checking the individuals, he found none of the three had fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken and one subject was lodged on an outstanding arrest warrant.

CO Chuck Towns conducted a compliance check at the Echo Point shooting range. One subject immediately returned to his vehicle and sat inside while the officer checked the others on the shooting line. A separate individual advised the officer that the subject had been shooting recklessly previously. Upon contact the subject initially denied shooting and refused to identify himself. After a short conversation it was determined that the subject had an outstanding arrest warrant. The subject was lodged on the warrant.

CO Chris Simpson was patrolling Muskegon Lake when he stopped to check an ice angler alone in a shanty. Noting the angler appeared nervous and reluctant to allow CO Simpson into the shanty, the officer continued to question the angler. While the angler had one hand line and one tip-up set in the shanty, footprints and the lack of other anglers in the vicinity told the story of who was responsible for a total of five lines set nearby. All lines were set with the same unique hooks and rigging. While the angler continued to deny setting the lines and claimed to be unaware on the requirement to

place a name and address on tip-ups, CO Simpson ticketed the angler for the violation. During a patrol on Muskegon Lake CO Simpson also ticketed an operator for an unregistered snowmobile.

CO Greg Patten stopped two snowmobiles being operated without registrations or trail permits, and a father who was allowing his son to operate without a safety certificate. Verbal warnings were given and a ticket was issued for no trail permits. CO Patten also ticketed a rider for no snowmobile registration while working on Big Blue Lake.

CO Greg Patten concluded an investigation of a buck taken during the fall of 2012 where the hunter purchased a license after making the kill. A warrant is being sought in Ottawa County for the illegal taking of a deer without a license.

CO BJ Goulette was travelling to meet COs Chuck Towns and Mike Mshar in Allegan County when he stopped for fuel. While waiting, he made contact with two snowmobile operators, each having no trail permit. Tickets were issued to each operator.

Sgt. John Jurcich was patrolling the Muskegon Waste Water System when he encountered three snowmobiles operating without trail permits. Enforcement action was taken. A short time after, Sgt. Jurcich came upon a serious motor vehicle accident on M-46 and notified Central Dispatch while tending to traffic. Two snowmobiles arrived to observe the scene for a time as sheriff deputies began to police the accident. When able, Sgt. Jurcich walked over to the operators of the snowmobiles and established they did not have trail permits and had taken a weekend trip recently operating without permits. A ticket was issued for operation without trail permits.

Sgt. Jurcich met with staff from the Mid-Michigan Railroad and MDNR Forest Resource Division to discuss problems related to snowmobile use on an active railroad grade in northern Muskegon County. Officers issued nine tickets during recent patrols of the area and gave numerous warnings. The section of the rail line was the scene of a derailment last winter after snowmobiles packed down ice and snow burying the rails. Additional patrols by conservation officers and sheriff deputies will continue while increased signage of the area is planned.

DISTRICT 8

CO Rich Nickols has been working on two separate cases of possible animal poisoning. Specimens have been sent to the US Fish and Wildlife Service lab for analysis.

CO Damon Owens and acting Sgt. Al Mendez investigated a complaint of illegally taken deer in Ingham County. Interview and investigation led to violations of a subject hunting without a license and loan/borrow tag.

CO Chris Reynolds watched a vehicle come to a stop on a back road and observed turkeys in the field next to the vehicle. Much to the surprise of the officer, he observed a gun come out of the driver's side of the vehicle and a shot fired. The turkeys ran and

flew out of the field except one bird that was hit and flopped around on the ground. When the vehicle driver saw the CO, the subject tried to hide the firearm and exit the area. The vehicle was stopped a short distance from the area and the subject gave a full confession on shooting the turkey. A search of the vehicle turned up two additional uncased firearms. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

While on his way to work the Outdoorama show, CO Jason Becker was first on scene at a head-on collision in front of the show. CO Becker checked for injuries and assisted with local police and EMS to clear the accident from the roadway.

While on patrol at Cass Lake, CO Jason Becker observed a man get out of his ice shanty and ride away on an ATV without a helmet. CO Becker contacted the operator when he returned to the shanty. The operator was not wearing a helmet, nor did he have any ORV stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Holly State Recreation area and observed a snowmobile operating on the road. CO Cardenas stopped the snowmobiler and conducted an investigation. It was found that the snowmobiler was 16 years old, had no helmet, no snowmobile safety certificate, and the trail permit was expired on the snowmobile. CO Cardenas followed the subject to his residence and spoke to the juvenile's mother. CO Cardenas addressed the safety issues with the mother and juvenile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were patrolling in Lenawee County when they observed a large column of smoke not far from their location. The officers responded to the source of the smoke and saw a large garage behind a restaurant engulfed in flames. Several patrons were standing outside in confusion. The officers quickly ensured that the customers were out of the nearby building and instructed the patrons to move their vehicles from the area to allow fire and rescue vehicles room to deal with the fire. Both officers immediately began directing traffic out of the area. Fortunately the restaurant was spared and there were no injuries.

CO Justin Ulberg received a tip from CO Christopher Reynolds that a subject in Lenawee County had taken a 10 point buck without a deer license during the November firearm season. CO Ulberg interviewed the subject and received a full confession. The subject explained that he did not plan on shooting a deer that day so didn't get a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg followed up on a complaint in Washtenaw County related to a complaint that persons were leaving tip-ups unattended on a local lake. Several residents advised that the subjects would fish the lake on the weekends and leave the tip-ups unattended the entire week until they returned the following weekend. CO Ulberg checked the lake and observed one shanty with three tip-ups set up. As CO Ulberg approached the shanty he noted that one of the tip-ups, which had no name and

address, was frozen into the ice. Contact was made with the angler who was also fishing with two poles inside the shanty. CO Ulberg discovered that the person was fishing with excess lines. CO Ulberg also addressed the other violations with the tip-ups. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett worked a series of patrols in Lenawee County with Sgt. Kevin Hackworth. Several ice fishing checks were conducted on Wampler's Lake. One shanty had three anglers, two brothers and their step-father. Both sons were found with no fishing license in possession but insisted that they had purchased them. An RSS check yielded no license information for them. Further investigation revealed that one of the subjects was wanted in Texas for unarmed robbery. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were patrolling near Wampler's Lake in Lenawee County. While driving through an access site they passed close by three persons unloading an ORV. As the officers continued their patrol shortly thereafter the three were observed on the ORV without helmets. When asked why they operated illegally after seeing officers patrolling the area the three stated that they just didn't want to walk out and thought that the officers had left the area. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Lacelle Rabon and Sgt. Todd Szyska participated at The BALL Foundation (Bridging Athletics and Learning Life Skills) "Honor the Line" workshop with the community youth of Detroit. The intent of the workshop was "bridging the gap between youth and law enforcement through dialogue and workshops". The program was put together by Randy Henry, Director of Channel 4 WDIV-TV, Director of the BALL Foundation, and was attended by many including retired Detroit Piston Ray Scott. The key note speaker was Detroit Police Chief James E. Craig. COs Rabon and Szyska paired up with Detroit Police Department personnel, Judges, and peer counselors to speak one on one in breakout sessions with youth from Detroit. It was a very large turnout and was hosted by The Triumph Church East Campus in Detroit.

While on patrol Sgt. Todd Szyska responded to a RAP complaint in progress of coyote hunters trespassing on private tracts of land in St. Clair County. Upon arrival at the location and checking several miles of roadways, it was determined that the suspects had left the scene.

CO Kris Kiel attended a pre-trial on a subject who had been hunting illegally (trespass) behind the Lenox Twp. fire hall, back in the fall. The hunter had taken a doe without a license, was trespassing, and was carrying a Contender firearm concealed in his hunting coat. The felony CCW charge was dropped and he pled guilty to the three wildlife charges, illegally taken deer – wrong DMU, transport/possess deer w/o validated kill tag attached, and recreational trespass. The subject paid \$1000 restitution, \$645 fines and costs, and \$30 conservation fees.

CO Ken Kovach conducted ORV/snowmobile patrols on the Wadhams trail system as well as working the Black River. CO Kovach issued various tickets for unregistered snowmobiles, operation on the roadway, and other cite codes. CO Kovach noted that the trail system (converted railroad bed walking path system) is being used heavily by snowmobiles.

CO Daniel Prince and Sgt. Dan Bigger conducted an ice fishing patrol in Livingston County. They checked four local lakes and made 27 ice fishing contacts. CO Prince issued one ticket to a subject for fishing without a fishing license.

CO Daniel Prince talked to 47 hunter safety students and parents at a hunter safety class held at the Livingston County Wildlife Conservation Club in Hamburg Michigan. CO Prince talked about the duties of a Conservation Officer, hunting law and ethics.

CO Pete Purdy was contacted by a subject wishing to remain anonymous but frustrated with illegal activity on the frozen surface of a small lake in Livingston County with no public access. CO Purdy conducted a foot patrol on the lake and contacted two anglers fishing without licenses, one of whom hadn't purchased a fishing license since 2003. Contact was also made with an angler fishing without license in possession and an operator of a snowmobile that hadn't been registered in four years. Several of the residents of the lake contacted CO Purdy and thanked him for checking their small lake, and asked him to come back soon. Enforcement action was taken on all violations.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers ice fishing on the Holloway Reservoir near the Walleye Pike Boat Launch. After checking several anglers, CO Beavers contacted two subjects fishing from an ice shanty. During initial contact CO Beavers asked how the fish were biting and both subjects stated not very well. Both subjects told CO Beavers this is the first time they have fished the location this winter. Both subjects then stated they typically fish in Lapeer County. During the check CO Beavers asked both subjects for their identifications and fishing licenses. At that point, one subject looked through his wallet but was unable to locate his license. The subject stated he just cleaned his wallet and must have removed the license at that time. CO Beavers ran the subjects information through the DNR Communications Center and discovered the subject has not purchased a fishing license since 2012. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol at Lake Fenton, CO Saykham Keophalychanh used his binoculars to observe ice anglers packing up their equipment. The CO waited for the anglers to return to the boat access site on their snowmobile. Upon their approach, it could be seen that the passenger did not have a helmet. Contact was made with the anglers and the driver was unsure whether they were required to have helmets on the lake, even though the driver did have a helmet on. Enforcement action was taken.

While on an evening patrol at Lake Ponemah, CO Saykham Keophalychanh observed a set of headlights off in the distance on the lake. The CO made contact with the vehicle at the boat launch when they returned on an ORV. Noticing that there were two

occupants on the ORV, the CO asked the driver if he was familiar with the regulations on riding double on an ORV not designed for passengers. The driver stated that he understood the regulations. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

CO Matt Page worked a Belle Isle shift, during which a complaint was received of a subject attempting to cross the Detroit River into Canada. After a brief search the subject was located by CO Page and Border Patrol Agents. The subject advised that he wanted to see what it was like to cross the river. The case was turned over to border patrol.

CO Rich Nickols worked a third shift on Belle Isle and took a call of an alarm at the casino. CO Nickols arrived to find water pouring out of the second floor. After locating a key to the building, CO Nickols was able to locate the main water supply and shut it off. A sprinkler pipe had frozen and burst due to the extreme cold temperatures. Parks Division was notified of the incident.

COs Kris Kiel and David Schaumburger worked a night shift on Belle Isle when they received a call that a car had almost struck the security guard at the entrance to the island. The COs located the vehicle and CO Kiel talked to the driver who explained he was out to see his grandpa who loved to fish on the island. CO Kiel asked the driver if he was out fishing on the ice at this moment, to which the driver had no response. CO Kiel smelled the odor of intoxicants on the driver's breath and proceeded with field sobriety tests, which the driver failed. The driver was arrested for OWI and at the jail it was found that he had a BAC of .26. The driver also had open intoxicants in the vehicle and outstanding warrants in Detroit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Smith worked a Belle Isle shift where he was called to assist many motorists who were stuck in the snow. CO Smith was called to assist one elderly lady who had slid off the road.

CO Ken Kovach and Sgt. Mike Bomay conducted a patrol on Belle Isle. During the patrol the COs conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was travelling the wrong way on a one way street. After talking with the occupants of the vehicle it was determined that both driver and passenger had non-valid driver's licenses, had warrants for their arrests, and were using an improper dealer-type plate. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Pete Purdy and Brian Olsen while working on Belle Isle were dispatched to investigate a suspicious vehicle taking photos near the Coast Guard station. Contact was made with the occupants in the vehicle. The driver and front seat passenger were from Michigan showing the improvements to the Island to the back seat passenger who was visiting from Florida.

While working Belle Isle, CO Warren MacNeill arrived on the scene of a vehicle stuck in the ditch. When contacted, the driver provided false identification and a long series of

lies. CO MacNeill determined that she was driving on a suspended license, her vehicle had improper plates, and she had five outstanding arrest warrants. She was arrested and transported to the Detroit Detention Center.

While working Belle Isle around 1:00 a.m., CO Warren MacNeill located a male subject near the MacArthur Bridge who was intoxicated and suffering from mild hypothermia. CO MacNeill assisted the subject back to his apartment, provided some food, and treated him for his injuries. The man was very appreciative and even prayed with CO MacNeill.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Mike Hearn made a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. It was subsequently determined that the driver had an outstanding warrant out of 36th District Court in Detroit that he had been neglecting since 2011. CO Hearn was able to secure the bond on the warrant and the driver was released with a new court date.

Sgt. Mike Bomay and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly were patrolling Belle Isle when a vehicle was observed operating in excess of the 25 mph speed limit with no license plate visible. COs conducted a stop only to discover the 21 year old driver was unlicensed and never had taken drivers education. The passenger was also unable to drive the vehicle. Two small children were in the backseat along with another teenager that was ineligible to drive. Enforcement action was taken.

While working on Belle Isle, COs Kyle Bucholtz and Brian Olsen stopped a vehicle for driving the wrong way on a one-way street. The driver attempted to elude the officers by verbally providing false identification. Upon speaking further with the driver, his true identity was discovered. He was suspended, had no proof of insurance and had a valid warrant. The vehicle was towed and enforcement action was taken.